

ESHB 1719 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.215.090 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 7 s 16 are each  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The early learning advisory council is established to advise  
6 the department on statewide early learning issues that (~~would~~  
7 ~~build~~) contribute to the ongoing efforts of building a comprehensive  
8 system of quality early learning programs and services for  
9 Washington's young children and families (~~by assessing needs and the~~  
10 ~~availability of services, aligning resources, developing plans for~~  
11 ~~data collection and professional development of early childhood~~  
12 ~~educators, and establishing key performance measures~~)).

13 (2) The council shall work in conjunction with the department to  
14 (~~develop a statewide early learning plan that guides~~) assist in  
15 policy development and implementation that assist the department in  
16 promoting alignment of private and public sector actions, objectives,  
17 and resources, (~~and~~) ensuring school readiness.

18 (3) The council shall include diverse, statewide representation  
19 from public, nonprofit, and for-profit entities. Its membership shall  
20 include critical partners in service delivery and reflect regional,  
21 racial, and cultural diversity to adequately represent the needs of  
22 all children and families in the state.

23 (4) Councilmembers shall serve two-year terms. However, to  
24 stagger the terms of the council, the initial appointments for twelve  
25 of the members shall be for one year. Once the initial one-year to  
26 two-year terms expire, all subsequent terms shall be for two years,  
27 with the terms expiring on June 30th of the applicable year. The  
28 terms shall be staggered in such a way that, where possible, the  
29 terms of members representing a specific group do not expire  
30 simultaneously.

1 (5) The council shall consist of (~~not more than twenty three~~)  
2 members essential to coordinating services statewide prenatal through  
3 age five, as follows:

4 (a) In addition to being staffed and supported by the department,  
5 the governor shall appoint ((at least)) one representative from each  
6 of the following: The ((department, the office of financial  
7 management, the department of social and health services, the))  
8 department of health, the student achievement council, and the state  
9 board for community and technical colleges;

10 (b) One representative from the office of the superintendent of  
11 public instruction, to be appointed by the superintendent of public  
12 instruction;

13 (c) The governor shall appoint ((seven)) leaders in early  
14 childhood education to represent critical service delivery and  
15 support sectors, with at least one ((representative with experience  
16 or expertise in one or more of the areas such as)) individual  
17 representing each of the following: ((The K-12 system, family day  
18 care providers, and child care centers with four of the seven  
19 governor's appointees made as follows:))

20 (i) The head start state collaboration office director or the  
21 director's designee;

22 (ii) A representative of a head start, early head start, or  
23 migrant/seasonal head start((, or tribal head start)) program;

24 (iii) A representative of a local education agency; ((and))

25 (iv) A representative of the state agency responsible for  
26 programs under section 619 or part C of the federal individuals with  
27 disabilities education act;

28 (v) A representative of the early childhood education and  
29 assistance program;

30 (vi) A representative of licensed family day care providers;

31 (vii) A representative of child day care centers; and

32 (viii) A representative from the home visiting advisory committee  
33 established in RCW 43.215.130;

34 (d) Two members of the house of representatives, one from each  
35 caucus, ((and two members of the senate, one from each caucus,)) to  
36 be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and ((the  
37 president of the senate, respectively)) two members of the senate,  
38 one from each caucus, to be appointed by the majority leader in the  
39 senate and the minority leader in the senate;

1 (e) Two parents, one of whom serves on the department's parent  
2 advisory group, to be appointed by the governor;

3 (f) One representative of the private-public partnership created  
4 in RCW 43.215.070, to be appointed by the partnership board;

5 (g) One representative from the developmental disabilities  
6 community;

7 (h) Two representatives from early learning regional coalitions;

8 (i) Representatives of underserved communities who have a special  
9 expertise or interest in high quality early learning, one to be  
10 appointed by each of the following commissions:

11 (i) The Washington state commission on Asian Pacific American  
12 affairs;

13 (ii) The Washington state commission on African-American affairs;  
14 and

15 (iii) The Washington state commission on Hispanic affairs;

16 ~~((g) One))~~ (j) Two representatives designated by sovereign  
17 tribal governments, one of whom must be a representative of a tribal  
18 early childhood education assistance program or head start program;  
19 ~~(and~~

20 ~~(h))~~ (k) One representative from the Washington federation of  
21 independent schools;

22 (l) One representative from the Washington library association;  
23 and

24 (m) One representative from a statewide advocacy coalition of  
25 organizations that focuses on early learning.

26 (6) The council shall be cochaired by ~~((one representative of a~~  
27 ~~state agency and one nongovernmental))~~ two members, to be elected by  
28 the council for two-year terms and not more than one cochair may  
29 represent a state agency.

30 (7) The council shall appoint two members and stakeholders with  
31 expertise in early learning to sit on the technical working group  
32 created in section 2, chapter 234, Laws of 2010.

33 (8) Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance  
34 with RCW 43.03.240 and reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in  
35 carrying out the duties of the board in accordance with RCW 43.03.050  
36 and 43.03.060.

37 (9)(a) The council shall convene an early achievers review  
38 subcommittee to provide feedback and guidance on strategies to  
39 improve the quality of instruction and environment for early learning  
40 and provide input and recommendations on the implementation and

1 refinement of the early achievers program. The review conducted by  
2 the subcommittee shall be a part of the annual progress report  
3 required in RCW 43.215.102. At a minimum the review shall address the  
4 following:

5 (i) Adequacy of data collection procedures;

6 (ii) Coaching and technical assistance standards;

7 (iii) Progress in reducing barriers to participation for low-  
8 income providers and providers from diverse cultural backgrounds,  
9 including a review of the early achievers program's rating tools,  
10 quality standard areas, and components, and how they are applied;

11 (iv) Strategies in response to data on the effectiveness of early  
12 achievers program standards in relation to providers and children  
13 from diverse cultural backgrounds;

14 (v) Status of the life circumstance exemption protocols; and

15 (vi) Analysis of early achievers program data trends.

16 (b) The subcommittee must include consideration of cultural  
17 linguistic responsiveness when analyzing the areas for review  
18 required by (a) of this subsection.

19 (c) The subcommittee shall include representatives from child  
20 care centers, family child care, the early childhood education and  
21 assistance program, contractors for early achievers program technical  
22 assistance and coaching, tribal governments, the organization  
23 responsible for conducting early (~~achiever[s]~~) achievers program  
24 ratings, and parents of children participating in early learning  
25 programs, including working connections child care and early  
26 childhood education and assistance programs. The subcommittee shall  
27 include representatives from diverse cultural and linguistic  
28 backgrounds.

29 (10) The department shall provide staff support to the council.

30 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.215.130 and 2013 c 165 s 1 are each amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 (1)(a) The home visiting services account is created in the state  
33 treasury. Revenues to the account shall consist of appropriations by  
34 the legislature and all other sources deposited in the account. All  
35 federal funds received by the department for home visiting activities  
36 must be deposited into the account.

37 (b)(i) Expenditures from the account shall be used for state  
38 matching funds for the purposes of the program established in this

1 section and federally funded activities for the home visiting  
2 program, including administrative expenses.

3 (ii) The department oversees the account and is the lead state  
4 agency for home visiting system development. The nongovernmental  
5 private-public partnership (~~administers~~) supports the home visiting  
6 service delivery system and provides (~~implementation~~) support  
7 functions to funded programs.

8 (iii) It is the intent of the legislature that state funds  
9 invested in the account be matched (~~at fifty percent~~) by the  
10 private-public partnership each fiscal year. (~~However, state funds  
11 in the account may be accessed in the event that the private public  
12 partnership fails to meet the fifty percent match target. Should the  
13 private-public partnership not meet the fifty percent match target by  
14 the conclusion of the fiscal year ending on June 30th, the department  
15 and the private-public partnership, shall jointly submit a report to  
16 the relevant legislative committees detailing the reasons why the  
17 fifty percent match target was not met, the actual match rate  
18 achieved, and a plan to achieve fifty percent match in the subsequent  
19 fiscal year. This report shall be submitted as promptly as  
20 practicable, but the lack of receipt of this report shall not prevent  
21 state funds in the account from being accessed.~~)

22 (iv) Amounts used for program administration by the department  
23 may not exceed an average of (~~four~~) ten percent in any two  
24 consecutive fiscal years.

25 (v) Authorizations for expenditures may be given only after  
26 private funds are committed. The nongovernmental private-public  
27 partnership must report to the department quarterly to demonstrate  
28 (~~sufficient~~) investment of private match funds.

29 (c) Expenditures from the account are subject to appropriation  
30 and the allotment provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW.

31 (2) The department must expend moneys from the account to provide  
32 state matching funds for partnership activities to implement home  
33 visiting services and administer the infrastructure necessary to  
34 develop, support, and evaluate evidence-based, research-based, and  
35 promising home visiting programs.

36 (3) Activities eligible for funding through the account include,  
37 but are not limited to:

38 (a) Home visiting services that achieve one or more of the  
39 following: (i) Enhancing child development and well-being by  
40 alleviating the effects on child development of poverty and other

1 known risk factors; (ii) reducing the incidence of child abuse and  
2 neglect; or (iii) promoting school readiness for young children and  
3 their families; and

4 (b) Development and maintenance of the infrastructure for home  
5 visiting programs, including training, quality improvement, and  
6 evaluation.

7 (4) Beginning July 1, 2010, the department shall contract with  
8 the nongovernmental private-public partnership designated in RCW  
9 43.215.070 to (~~administer~~) support programs funded through the home  
10 visiting services account. The department shall monitor performance  
11 and provide periodic reports on the (~~use~~) uses and outcomes of the  
12 home visiting services account.

13 (5) The (~~nongovernmental private-public partnership~~) department  
14 shall, in the administration of the programs:

15 (a) Fund programs through a competitive bid process or in  
16 compliance with the regulations of the funding source; and

17 (b) Convene an advisory committee of early learning and home  
18 visiting experts, including one representative from the department,  
19 to advise the partnership regarding research and the distribution of  
20 funds from the account to eligible programs."

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21 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "improvements;" strike the  
22 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 43.215.090 and  
23 43.215.130."

EFFECT: Provides that the two members of the Senate on the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) must be appointed by the majority leader and the minority leader rather than the President of the Senate.

Adds one representative from a statewide advocacy coalition of organizations that focuses on early learning to ELAC.

Specifies that not more than one cochair of ELAC may represent a state agency.

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